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TRANSPORTATION

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1306, L.D. 1866, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §151, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

2. **Maintain offices.** Maintain ~~13--full-time~~ offices at convenient places to carry out duties related to applications for registration of and licenses for the operation of motor vehicles; and

Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §201, sub-§3, ¶H is enacted to read:

H. The Secretary of State may authorize municipal agents to charge a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required fee for other transactions that the municipal agent carries out on behalf of the Secretary of State and that are not listed in this subsection.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

'Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1611, sub-§2, ¶B, as affected by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §153, amended by Pt. B, §18 and affected by Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

B. For vehicles used exclusively to transport passengers for hire between points within the State, including motor

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2 vehicles under contract with the State, a municipality or a
3 school district for the transportation of students, but not
4 vehicles defined as school buses in section 2301, subsection
5, there is a combined single limit of:

6 (1) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, or split
7 limits consisting of \$50,000 per person and \$100,000
8 per occurrence for bodily injury liability, and \$25,000
9 for property damage liability for vehicles not under
10 contract with the State, a municipality or a school
11 district for the transportation of students that are
12 designed to carry no more than 3 passengers behind the
13 driver's seat;

14 (2) Three hundred thousand dollars for vehicles that
15 are designed to carry 4 to 7 passengers behind the
16 driver's seat, including those vehicles under contract
17 with the State, a municipality or a school district for
18 the transportation of students;

19 (3) Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for vehicles
20 that are designed to carry 8 to 15 passengers behind
21 the driver's seat;

22 (4) One million five hundred thousand dollars for
23 vehicles that are designed to carry 16 to 30 passengers
24 behind the driver's seat; and

25 (5) Two million dollars for vehicles that are designed
26 to carry 31 or more passengers behind the driver's
27 seat; and

28 (6) Four hundred thousand dollars for vehicles
29 registered to a transit district as defined in Title
30 30-A, section 3501.

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33 **Sec. 4. Vision screening requirements report.** The Secretary of
34 State shall review current statutory vision screening
35 requirements for driver's licenses to identify potential changes
36 in law or opportunities under the existing law to increase the
37 number of motorists eligible to renew their driver's licenses
38 online and shall report its findings to the joint standing
39 committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
40 transportation matters no later than December 31, 2006.

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42 **Sec. 5. Driver's license cycle report.** The Secretary of State
43 shall develop a plan to level out the driver's license cycle and
44 shall report its findings to the joint standing committee of the
45 Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no
46 later than December 31, 2006.'

Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment adds the following provisions to the bill. The amendment makes the for-hire insurance requirements consistent with the provisions of Public Law 2005, chapter 399, which limited transit districts' tort liability to \$400,000. The amendment allows the Secretary of State to operate customer service locations within approved budgetary limits, rather than limiting the branches that can exist to a specific number. The amendment enables the Secretary of State to authorize municipal agents to conduct transactions and charge fees on an ongoing basis when that transaction and the associated fee are not already provided in existing law. The amendment directs the Secretary of State to review the existing statutory vision screening requirements to identify potential changes in law or other opportunities under existing law to increase the number of motorists eligible for online renewal services and report with recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than December 31, 2006. The amendment directs the Secretary of State to develop a plan for leveling out the currently uneven 6-year driver's license cycle to eliminate the variations in business activity and corresponding Highway Fund revenue.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund